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SUBJ: POLISH PARTY PAPER OFFERS POSSIBLE INSIGHTS INTO RECENT
BUDAPEST IDEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: A COMMENTARY CARRIED IN THE MARCH 13 ISSUE OF THE POLISH
PARTY DAILY TRYBUNA LUDU MAY SHED SOME ADDED LIGHT ON
PROCEEDINGS AT THE RECENT BUDAPEST IDEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE
OF COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARIES FROM THE "SOCIALIST"
COUNTRIES. THE COMMENTARY INDICATES THAT THE PARTICI-
PANTS' MAIN EFFORT WAS TO FORM A COMMON IDEOLOGICAL FRONT
AGAINST ANTI-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-DETENTE
CAMPAIGNS WHICH, THEY SAID, ARE PROLOFERATING
IN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. THEY ALSO FORESHADOWED
A CONTINUED HIGH NOISE LEVEL OVER THE NEUTRON
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BOMB. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PROMINENTLY FEATURED COMMENTARY, ENTITLED
"SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION", WAS UNSIGNED, WHICH
NWAY INDICATE IT WAS A CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRODUCT.
IT STRESSED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MEETINGS LIKE THAT
AT BUDAPEST, AMONG PARTY OFFICIALS ENGAGED IN

IDEOLOGICAL AND FOREIGN POLICY AFFAIRS; SUCH MEETINGS, IT SAID, PERMIT PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED WHOSE "SOLUTIONS REQUIRE COOPERATIVE ACTION AND THE UNDERTAKING OF MUTUALLY AGREED-UPON STEPS." ACCORDING TO THE COMMENTARY, THE NEED FOR SUCH ACTION AND A COMMON STANDPOINT IN THE WORLD ARENA BECOMES MORE EVIDENT EVERY DAY: "WE OF COURSE REPRESENT THE SAME INTERESTS IN THAT AREA, WE OCCUPY THE SAME POSITION IN IT, WE REPULSE THE SAME ATTACKS AIMED AT US BY THE SAME ENEMIES."

3. THE COMMENTARY THEN ZEROED IN ON THOSE ALLEGED ENEMIES: "INFLUENTIAL OPPONENTS OF DETENTE IN THE BOSOM OF THE AUTHORITATIVE ELITE IN CAPITALIST STATES," WHO, FEARFUL FOR THEIR POSITIONS IN THE FACE OF A GROUND SWELL AMONG WESTERN WORKERS IN FAVOR OF SOCIALISM ON THE HOME FRONT," DISTORT SOCIALIST REALITY" IN AN ATTEMPT TO DELUDE THEIR SUBJECT POPULATIONS ABOUT THE TRUE NATURE OF THINGS IN "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES. THESE "IMPERIALIST CIRCLES," THE COMMENTARY CONTINUED, HAVE INCREASED THEIR SLANDEROUS EFFORTS IN RECENT YEARS. THE ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN THEY WAGE IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES, IT WARNED, IS "AIMED AT THE SAME TIME AT WEAKENING THE ENTIRE SOCIALIST WORLD."

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4. TO COUNTER THIS CAMPAIGN, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE BUDAPEST PARTICIPANTS RESOLVED TO PRESENT "THE OBJECTIVE TRUTH ABOUT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOCIALIST PEOPLES AS WELL AS THE UNMASKING OF CAPITALIST REALITY AND ITS NUMEROUS SOCIAL INJUSTICES." THEY STRESSED THEIR PARTIES' INTENTION, IN PURSUING A COMMON IDEOLOGICAL PROGRAM, TO CARRY OUT THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE 1976 BERLIN CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES. THAT CONFERENCE, THE ARTICLE SAID, HAD DEMONSTRATED THAT NO NATURAL DIFFERENCES OR SPECIFIC CONDITIONS DISTINGUISHING INDIVIDUAL PARTIES COULD BECOME AN OBSTACLE TO THEIR UNITY IN PRACTICE.

5. BESIDES THE IDEOLOGICAL COUNTER OFFENSIVE, THE

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COMMENTARY INDICATED THAT DISARMAMENT AND DETENTE WERE THE MAIN THEMES UNDER DISCUSSION AT BUDAPEST. WHILE THE SOVIET INITIATIVE FOR A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE HAS BEEN GAINING BROAD SUPPORT FROM INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION AND THE WORLD AWAITS THE CONVENING OF THE SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, "NATO COUNTRIES, WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE LEAD, DESPITE VARIOUS VERBAL DECLARATIONS IN FAVOR OF DISARMAMENT, YEAR AFTER YEAR WITHOUT A BREAK INCREASE THEIR MILITARY BUDGETS AND EXPAND THEIR ARSENALS OF DEADLY WEAPONS." OF ALL THESE WEAPONS, THE COMMENTARY CONTINUED, THE MOST THREATENING TO DETENTE IS THE NEUTRON BOMB, "THE NEUTRON BOMB -- A NEW MEANS OF MASS EXTERMINATION, A NEW CHALLENGE THROWN AT HUMANITY -- IS SUPPOSED TO BE ANOTHER CARD IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESCALATION OF THE ARMS RACE. PLANS TO BEGIN PRODUCTION OF THE BOMB, AS WELL AS TO DEPLOY IT ON THE TERRAIN OF EUROPE, ARE A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO THE FURTHER NORMALIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS." THE BUDAPEST PARTICIPANTS, SAID THE COMMENTARY, UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED "THE GROWING ENGAGEMENT OF

WORLD PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN THE FIGHT FOR THE
ABANDONMENT OF THESE INTENTIONS, SO OMINOUS FOR
MANKIND."

6. COMMENT: SINCE THE BUDAPEST MEETING, THE POLISH
PRESS HAS INTENSIFIED ITS NEGATIVE (AND AT TIMES
TENDENTIOUS) DEPICTION OF LIFE IN THE WEST, ES-
PECIALLY THE US. IT ALSO HAS ESCALATED THE ON-
GOING CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE NEUTRON BOMB. END
COMMENT.
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